

## **Esther and Emmett:**

Esther: Happy Thanksgiving, Emmett!

Emmett: Happy Thanksgiving, Esther! I've have been looking forward to Thanksgiving

Esther: So have I. Why have you been looking forward to Thanksgiving?

Emmett: Well, there's the food...I guess that's obvious. And the leaves on the trees seem so colourful and amazing this year!

Esther: Yes, and as the leaves fall to the ground they make the ground colourful!

Emmett: Yeah...and then we get to rake the leaves and make a big colourful pile of leaves that I can jump into...and then rake them again...I guess I'm thankful for all that fun...and the exercise I get while raking!

Esther: I'm thankful for friends who are like the autumn leaves!

Emmett: You have friends who are like the autumn leaves...do they fall out of trees a lot?

Esther: No, but like the autumn leaves, someday those friends show me something amazing about God. Just when I think it's 'just another day' does something nice and the day come alive... like the new colours of the leaves.

Emmett: Wow! That's beautiful! Okay, my turn. I'm thankful for friends who like being with me and I like being with them. I can just be me and that's okay.

Esther: That's also beautiful. And I'm thankful for friends who text me, or email me, or phone me, just to ask how I am and to tell me how they are.

Emmett: Those friends have been really special during COVID when we couldn't actually get together.

Esther: I'm also thankful for friends with whom I can laugh!

Emmett: I can help you laugh. Here's a question: "What's the most popular online password?"

Esther: I don't know. What is the most-popular online password?

Emmett: It's 'Kenny'. Now ask me why.

Esther: Okay. Why is 'Kenny' the most popular online password?

Emmett: It's because... everyone loves "Kenny" logins!

Esther: (laughs) Oh Emmett! That's funny!

Emmett: I love to laugh and to hear people laughing! I'm thankful for laughter!

Esther: I'm also thankful for the Bible. The Bible has so many amazing stories and so many passages that I like to read...like "Make a joyful noise to God!"

Emmett: Some of the stories are really neat – like when that big fish swallowed that guy and then spit him out on the shore.

Esther: You mean the story of Jonah!

Emmett: That's the fishy guy.

Esther: And there are stories about Jesus.

Emmett: Yeah...I like the stories about him feeding all those people, and riding into the city on donkey. I think I'd like to ride a donkey sometime.

Esther: I like the stories about Jesus because Jesus always seemed to care about the people around him.

Emmett: And there were lots of people who wanted to be around Jesus – some of them couldn't walk and couldn't see, some of them wanted to ask him questions, some of them wanted their children to meet Jesus.

Esther: Yes, and Jesus said that all of them mattered, that all of them were important, because God loved all of them.

Emmett: Because God loves everyone. I'm thankful that God loves us.

Esther: I'm thankful that God created this world and that God created people who are able to be thankful.

Emmett: I wonder what God is thankful for?

Esther: I think God is thankful when we love other people like Jesus loved them.

Emmett: Like God loves all of us!

Esther: Yes. And I think God is thankful when we notice the beautiful leaves, and everything amazing in the world.

Emmett: So, maybe God is thankful when we are thankful!

Esther: And when we give thanks!

Emmett: Say, Thanksgiving is a good day to give thanks to God!

Esther: Thank you, God. AMEN

Emmett: AMEN